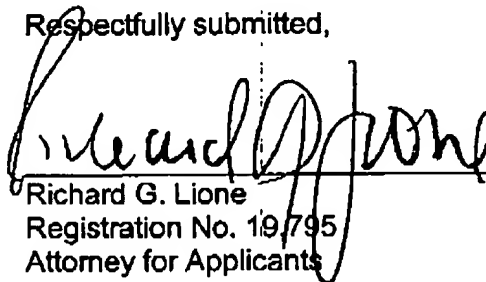


REMARKS

The proposed claim amendments greatly reduce the number of issues to be considered by the Board of Appeals. Claim 5 is amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 8. Claims 6 and 14 depend from Claim 5. All remaining claims (1-4, 7-13 and 15-18) are cancelled.

Only one claim grouping will remain. Only one independent claim, Claim 5, will remain. Entry of the amendment at this stage is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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